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The year opens hopefully for us. The constituted body most representative—through election—of local feeling in Ireland, the General Committee of County Councils, has unanimously resolved: "That the Irish people are a free people, with a natural right to govern themselves. That no Parliament is competent to make laws for Ireland except an Irish Parliament sitting in Ireland. And that the claim of any other body of men to make laws for or govern Ireland is illegal and unconstitutional, and a grievance intolerable to the people of this country."

Our brethren in America are nobly aiding the National cause. It is now, as ever, for us at home to do our part. Looking back over the past one hundred and fifty years we honor the exertions and sacrifices of those by whom the spirit of liberty has been maintained in the face of penal laws and the destruction of our Parliament, and substantial advantages have been wrested from an alien Legislature. It is ours to complete the good work. It rests upon us, individually and collectively, to decide whether we also are to be numbered with those who coldly stood aside, alone considering personal material interests, regardless of the higher and wider claims of conscience and of country.

In the coming Session of Parliament the necessity for a constant attendance of all members of the Irish Party will be, if possible, greater than ever. That attendance will be practicable only if a prompt and generous response be made to the appeal which we now confidently make for an adequate Parliamentary Fund for 1905.

We remain, fellow-countrymen, your faithful servants.

PATRICK O'DONNELL, Bishop of Raphoe.

JOHN E. REDMOND, Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and President of Directory of the United Irish League.

STEPHEN O'MARA, Alderman, Limerick.

39 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, 27th January, 1905.

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Dr. Chase's Calendar Almanac for 1906, which has just been mailed to all the names on the voters' lists throughout Canada, is a very comprehensive and up-to-date work. The weather forecast for the month of January is very accurate, and no doubt the forecast for the other months will prove equally reliable. This feature cannot help but prove of great value to the farmers. Another valuable feature of the book is the dairy calendar, which is found in no other almanac published in this country, and will prove highly useful as a means of keeping a record of all important dates and events. Those of the readers of The Mail and Empire who have not received a copy of the Almanac can secure one free by writing direct to Edmanston, Bates and Co., Toronto, at the same time mentioning The Catholic Register.

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FR. TWOMEY'S NEW CHARGE

Farewell to Tweed and Welcome to Belleville

When the sad news of the serious loss sustained by the Catholics of the city of Belleville in the destruction by fire of their beautiful and costly church reached Tweed a few weeks ago, the hearts of the people of this community went out in deepest sympathy with the unfortunate congregation upon whom the sad calamity fell, but there was probably no one that anticipated that we would, as a result of the disaster, suffer a loss that would bring such sorrow and regret as has been occasioned by the appointment of Rev. Father Twomey, parish priest of Tweed and Stoco, to assume the great responsibility of rebuilding the church at Belleville. During the six years that Father Twomey has been in charge of this parish he has been most devoted to his people's interests in every phase of the religious, social and educational sphere and he has won a very warm place in the hearts of his people. He is not only beloved by the members of his own congregations, but every member of the community, irrespective of religious denomination, holds him in very high esteem and deeply regrets his removal. On Sunday last Father Twomey referred to the kindly relations that have always existed between himself and members of other denominations. Because people differ in matters of religion is no reason, he said, why they should not extend the hand of fellowship to one another to make the burdens of life lighter and its pathway brighter and more cheerful.

Although the appointment has caused such great sorrow here, it is, no doubt, a wise one, as Father Twomey is a man of tried financial ability, having successfully dealt with other discouraging problems, as discouraging as the one he now bravely faces. He is a man of great force and the people of Belleville will have new courage infused into them by the vigor and strength of his character.

On Sunday morning last the parishioners of Tweed and Stoco took advantage of the opportunity to give expression to their affection for their pastor and the sorrow they experienced at his removal. At the conclusion of Mass Father Twomey was tendered the following address, accompanied by the presentation of a valuable purse:

The Rev. D. A. Twomey, P.P.,

Pastor of Tweed and Stoco:

Rev. and Dear Father,—Your faithful and loving parishioners of Tweed and Stoco, in union with the two Catholic societies of the parish have gathered round this morning for the purpose of bidding you farewell and wishing you God-speed in the new home to which you have been called. But a few weeks ago our hearts went out in deepest sympathy to the congregation of Saint Michael's church, Belleville, because of the heavy blow which they sustained in the burning of their beautiful church. To-day we are called upon to feel the effects of that sad disaster in a sharper way, for the same calamity that bereaved Belleville of its church has been the cause of depriving us also of the real pastor, adviser and friend who has always been more than a father to us all.

Six years ago you left the scene of your great and most successful labors in Morrisburg and the comforts of your beautiful and happy home, and the companionship of a truly devoted congregation, to come here and labor for a new people who had absolutely nothing in this world to compensate you for the great sacrifice which you cheerfully made in their behalf. At that time not one stone in this temple belonged to us and despite our repeated endeavors, we had neither a house to shelter you nor any foot of ground in this community that we could rightly call our own. In fact, we were responsible to the money-lender for many thousands of dollars more than the original cost of our church and parochial residence. What a truly wonderful change has been effected in this short period of time! With a comparatively small congregation, over forty thousand dollars have been gathered together, and the debt on our church and house has been so reduced that it will easily and entirely disappear during the course of the coming year. Under God, we owe this happy result to your untiring energy and great administrative ability. The value of your splendid accomplishment is much enhanced by the fact that, in the collection of this immense amount of money, which came almost entirely from within the parish, complete harmony existed throughout. You never brought undue pressure to bear upon any man, and you never had recourse to harsh words or severe measures in the liquidation of our church debt. In fact, our offerings to the church were cheerfully given, and with the new hope which your blessed presence brought to the saddened spirits of the people, it would have been a pleasure to have given even more. And we all feel that we have been more than amply repaid by the perfect peace and union which have flourished in this parish since your advent amongst us.

So completely had you grown into our esteem and confidence, that whatever you said or suggested we considered to be right, and wherever you led we were only too willing and

eager to follow; and, to-day, with joyful hearts, we cheerfully bear public testimony to the fact that you have brought us out of great difficulties and built up, by your labors, a home for Jesus Christ in this village of Tweed. You have not concerned yourself alone, nor indeed chiefly, with our temporal concerns for our spiritual direction and guidance have been the objects of your tenderest and most persevering solicitude. Only your own parishioners and intimate acquaintances could appreciate the difficulties you had to encounter, in that unselfish and undivided and unceasing attention which you have ever given to our spiritual affairs. Your health was not always of the best, yet sickness never deterred you from going out into the blackness of the winter's night and the teeth of the storm in order to stand by the sick bedside, and console the stricken members of your flock.

Owing to the absence of any proper heating appliance, we all know that this building was simply uninhabitable during the winter months, yet we cannot recall one Sunday when the bitter cold prevented you from delivering one of those learned and eloquent and beautiful instructions which were at once the joy and delight of your people. Ever solicitous in your vigilant care of the children, self-sacrificing and prompt in all your ministrations to the flock, gentle and kind to the poor, you have ever been the model pastor and the devoted Priest of God. In the midst of many difficulties, you have aroused the dormant energies of a discouraged people, and have built up the temple from its very foundations, so that the very stones of this building are compelled to speak your praise. "Te saxa loquuntur."

This church shall stand here in Tweed as a lasting memorial of your priestly zeal, your tireless energy and self-sacrificing labors. But there is yet another monument which you have erected here and which cannot fade away with time; and that enduring monument is the home which you have built up for yourself in the hearts of your grateful people, a home that shall ever be instinct with love and life in the years that are to come.

And now, what have we to offer you in return for all your toil? Only the affection of a truly thankful people and the fervent prayer that God may prosper and bless yourself and all your undertakings and make you as beloved and as successful in your new home as you have been here with us. The modest gift of gold which accompanies this address and which we ask you to graciously accept, is the willing offering of all your parishioners, your entire flock, who, whilst obediently bowing to the voice of the Chief Pastor of the Diocese calling you to other duties, nevertheless part with their kind Pastor, Father and friend with the liveliest sense of great personal loss, and the very keenest feelings of sorrow and regret. In the full confidence that you shall always remember us at the Altar, on behalf of the parish we subscribe as follows:

Tweed—James Quinn, Thomas McCann, M. Rashotte, Louis Cournoyea, John Bohan, Tweed—S. C. Mulrooney, Andrew Kietly, John Labarge, Peter Lenihan, John Carson, Michael McEvoy, M. Trudeau, W. J. O'Brien.

After reading the address, Father Twomey ascended the pulpit and preached a beautiful and instructive sermon on the gospel of the Sunday, from which he derived many convincing proofs of the efficacy of the Blessed Mother's prayers and her wonderful powers of intercession with her Divine Son. He then briefly, but eloquently, replied to the address, first dealing with the financial condition of the parish. Since his last statement to the people made eleven months ago, the parish receipts were \$8,000.00. He had very nearly completed his sixth year as their pastor, and, during that time, they had gathered together forty thousand six hundred and sixty dollars. Only \$9,000.00 of a debt remained at this present moment, and there was no other obligation of any kind whatever. With a buoyant and ever-increasing revenue, this little debt could easily be wiped out within the coming year. He need not again enter into a detailed statement, as year after year, it had been his pleasure and duty to read for them the minutest particulars of receipts and expenditures. He accepted their address with feelings of the very deepest emotion. It was a further unexpected and certainly unsolicited testimonial of their affectionate attachment which he would treasure as a very precious remembrance during his whole life, and for which he thanked them from his inmost heart. Their statement that there were no harsh methods used in the collection of this large amount of money, was very gratifying to him, for he would consider the present prosperous financial condition of the parish all too dearly bought, if the feelings of the least member of the flock were wounded.

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kindness of their hearts had compelled them to shut their eyes to his imperfections, and made them give a much too indulgent and generous appreciation of the slight services which he had rendered; but he was fully conscious that all his endeavors would have been fruitless if he had not a genuinely loyal, devoted and self-sacrificing people behind him. Under God, to the congregation before him, and not, at all, to himself belonged the credit, and God, who alone knows how to repay, would give them their reward. They were good enough to say that his departure was much regretted by the people. He assured them that, however painful to the congregation, it was much more so to himself; and nothing but a most convincing sense of duty could ever compel him to leave so kind and generous a flock. He had not failed to notice that his departure caused a certain amount of dissatisfaction among the people but he would endeavor to explain to them the motives that determined his action. In the best and holiest school that child could ever enter, a sainted mother taught him to look ever up for advice to the Mother of Good Counsel in the ordering of all the affairs of his life. He could not easily forget the lesson thus learned from his most sacred source; and, naturally, he had recourse to the Blessed Mother on this present occasion. By a coincidence Her answer to his questioning was found in the gospel of the Sunday. Her Son still speaks to the world through his chosen representatives. His voice is heard in their commands, and His Blessed Mother's dearest wish is that we should hearken to it when it comes from those divinely appointed to rule the Church of God. "Whatsoever He shall say to you, that do ye." This was an all-sufficient cause for his leave-taking. But there was yet another reason which, he thought, they would not fail to appreciate. Belleville was in affliction, and, therefore, had a claim upon the sympathy and support of priests and people. But that is a barren sympathy indeed which fails to translate itself into action when occasion arises. He certainly had wished that the great work of building up from the ruins had fallen to other abler and better hands than his own, and that he were left here to enjoy a little comfort and repose among the people that he loved, now that his difficulties in Tweed had disappeared. But when he was invited by the Chief Pastor of the Diocese to undertake the task he would have been unworthy of his calling and unworthy, too, of the noble people of this parish, if he declined to accept. Why if he were animated by such an ungenerous and unpriestly spirit, he would never have come here to Tweed. He knew that this explanation would satisfy his flock and make them approve of his action. He thanked them for the day's demonstration and for their substantial token of recognition, but whilst he gratefully accepted the purse he would not turn it to his personal account for the reason that, despite their financial embarrassment, they had ever given him a most generous and more than sufficient support in the past. He prayed God to always bless them and assured them that he would never forget their kindness and devotion. He then addressed his French-Canadian parishioners in their own beautiful language, praising them for their fervent faith, their zeal, their self-sacrifice, and the generosity which they had ever shown towards their church and priest; and finally all the members of the congregation approached the altar-railing for the purpose of shaking hands and saying good-bye to their beloved pastor.

Father Twomey officiated at a Requiem Mass for the deceased members of the congregation on Monday morning and left for Belleville on Wednesday.

Referring to Rev. Father Twomey's appointment, the Belleville Ontario of Saturday last says: "The new pastor of St. Michael's, Rev. Father Twomey, will take charge of the parish during the coming week. He is not unknown here and is a comparatively young man. In Tweed, where his last charge was, he made himself beloved by all. He took hold there when the congregation was involved in debt and by his active hard work, put it on a sound financial basis, as well as doing powers of good for the religious life of the people. Every resident of his parish, irrespective of religion, holds him in high esteem and all deeply regret the fact that he has been removed. In this parish he has at present a hard road cut out, but his energy and perseverance will no doubt carry him through to success."

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